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## Dodge County Sheriff's Office Establishes Fund at Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation

**Beaver Dam, Wis. (December 18, 2020):** The Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation today announces the establishment of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office TEMS Non Endowed Fund. Sheriff Dale Schmidt established the fund as a donation repository to benefit an annual training program for the Dodge County TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Support) team.

The Dodge County TEMS Team is a multi-agency unit that supports the Dodge County SWAT Team with paramedic-level lifesaving skills and tactical abilities.

Each member of the TEMS team is trained in over 40 hours of tactical emergency combat care to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to treat any officer or civilian injured and requiring assistance in a high-risk situation.

The goal of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office TEMS Non Endowed Fund is to raise \$6,000-\$10,000 annually to support the ongoing training needs of members.

"The safety of the community and the safety of our law enforcement officers are of utmost importance to me and our SWAT team. We want to be prepared to provide advanced emergency medical care to anyone who may need it in a critical incident," said Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt. "The Dodge County Sheriff's Office TEMS team being embedded with our SWAT team is critical to meeting that goal, and we ask the community's support in continuing this life-saving program."

Each TEMS member supports the Dodge County SWAT team with tactical preplanning, preventative care, and medical treatment rendered during high-risk, largescale law enforcement operations. With the high stress environments that Dodge County SWAT Team members encounter, it is critical to provide the best and fastest care throughout the county.

Those interested in supporting the Dodge County Sheriff's Office TEMS Non Endowed Fund can learn more about becoming a donor at www.beaverdamacf.com/becomeadonor or by contacting Sheriff Dale Schmidt at dschmidt@co.dodge.wi.us or 920-386-3726.

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**About the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation** 

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The Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation maximizes the impact of your charitable giving by mobilizing philanthropic resources to advance quality of life, increase social impact, and champion community engagement. Founded in September 2019 as a regional affiliate of the Fond du Lac Area Foundation, the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation and our donors are invested in providing grants to grow a vibrant region and scholarships that support the development of our community's future leaders. Learn more on our website at www.beaverdamacf.com, and consider a donation to the Community Fund which supports Dodge County's community needs for good, forever.